

JACK DOYLE Monroe County Executive

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COUNTY INVITES CHILDREN TO EXPLORE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today announced that the County will sponsor "Take Your Child To Work Day" on Thursday, April 27, 2000 for children of county employees to learn about their parents' work environment.

"We recognize this day to show kids the importance of setting goals and doing well in school so that they can become productive, contributing members of society," said Doyle. "By exposing children to a plethora of career options, we hope to broaden their understanding of workplace opportunities."

Currently 226 children are scheduled to attend this special day and may participate in the following activities:

- Board of Elections—a brief explanation on the importance of voting and practice using a voting machine.
- Public Safety—tours offered of the 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center, Public Safety Communications Radio Center, Firefighter's Training Site and Public Safety Laboratory.
- Department of Transportation—various tours include: the Control Center Signal Shop, to see how a computer controls traffic lights around the county; the Sign Shop, to see how traffic signs are made; the Stutson Street Bridge, to see how the lift mechanism operates the bridge; and the Signal Repair Shop.
- Parks Department: Seneca Park Zoo—behind the scenes tour; Lamberton Conservatory—tour; Ellison Park—learn what a park interpreter does, visit a replica of a 1721 Trading Post, and learn about the plants, animals and ecology of the park.
- County Clerk's Office—tours of various work stations.
- Department of Planning/Department of Environmental Services—learn how maps and photographs are managed and accessed by the GIS (Geographic Information System) Services Division. See how the touch screen is used to display large, wall-sized maps of environmental features, topography, housing parcels and aerial photographs.
- Office of Mental Health (OMH)—learn the role of OMH in planning for and overseeing mental health, mental retardation and developmental

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disabilities, and chemical dependency in the community. In addition, learn how the Socio-Legal Services Division works in the criminal justice system and the nature of the people the clinic serves.

County parents, grandparents, and guardians may bring children, ages nine through 15, to work. All are invited to attend a Welcome Reception with County Executive Jack Doyle and County Clerk Maggie Brooks at the Monroe County CityPlace Atrium, 50 West Main Street, at 9:30 a.m. on April 27, 2000.

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